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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

HUY T. NGUYEN

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 July 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21,23,24 and 29-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21,23-24 and 29-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 21 July 2006 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kaneshige al (EP 0814475) .

Regarding claims 23 and 24, Kaneshige disclose an apparatus or recording and reproducing object data on and from a medium (Figs. 14,17,22 and 34 pages (2 and 8)

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4. Claims 21,23-24 and 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saeki et al (6,263,155) in view of Okada et al (6,148,140).

Regarding claims 21, 23-24 and 29-32, Saeki discloses a method and apparatus for recording and reproducing data on and from an information storage medium (Fig. 15) configured to have data recorded thereon and data reproduced therefrom by an information recording/reproducing apparatus, said data including control information and video object data, the information storage medium comprising:

a data area configured to store the video object data (Fig. 3-4, column 5, line 65, column 6, column 7, lines 52 to column 8, line 7) , and
a plurality of error correction code blocks, wherein a predetermined number of sectors form each error correction code block, and each of said sectors has a predetermined size; and

a control information recording area configured to store said control information, the control information being configured to manage the video object data and including an AV file information table having a first table area configured to store object stream information, and a second table area configured to store AV file information configured to manage information of the video object data, the AV file information including a plurality of object information, each object information including information of object units of the video object data, and a plurality of object information search pointers associated with the plurality of object information (columns 10-11, 17-18 , Figs. 7-12), wherein:

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said video object data is configured to be recorded in at least one of the object units, an object corresponding to the video object data is allocated with or corresponds to one or more of the plurality of error correction code blocks (column 5, line 65 to column 6, line 18) , an error correction code block address being defined in units of the error correction code block corresponds to an integer multiple of said sectors (errors correction block number and sector number (Fig. 5, column 8 lines 30-43)

Saeki further teaches that the data area is a rewritable area since the medium discloses by Saeki is a rewritable medium (DRAM) but Saeki fails to teach using audio gap information in the management information area . Okada teaches a recording and reproducing apparatus using audio gap information in management information are to control processing the audio and video object data (Fig.12, column 23, lines 34-68).

It would have been obvious tone of ordinary skill in the art to modify Saeki with Okada by providing the management information of Saeki with audio gap information as taught by Okada thereby accurately accessing and processing the audio data and video object data.

Further for claims 31 and 32, Saeki and Okada teaches means for reproducing the video object data and control data from the medium (Saeki, column 19 and Okada column 2 3, lines 34-68).

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUY T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-7378. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM -6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached on (571) 272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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